



3^d SIGNAL BRIGADE

313th Signal

COMPANY



Change of Command

CPT Alexander •••••••• CPT Fields

Sequence of Events

Formation of Troops
National Anthem
Invocation
Presentations
Biographies
Passing of the Guidon
Remarks
Benediction

Reception to be held at the 3D Signal FRC
Building 4475

Immediately following the ceremony



Participants

Reviewing Officer
LTC(P) Vernon L. Lister

Outgoing Commander
CPT Pamela S. Alexander

Incoming Commander
CPT Anthony M. Fields, JR.

First Sergeant
Charles M. Puryear, JR.



CPT PAMELA S. ALEXANDER



CPT Pam Alexander hails from Gulf Breeze, FL. In April 1997, she was commissioned as a 2LT in the Signal Corps through ROTC after graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice from the University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL. Upon completion of the Signal Officer Basic Course (SOBC) at Fort Gordon, GA in 1997, she was assigned as a Platoon Leader, 208th Signal Company, 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Bliss, TX. In 1998, she became the Battalion Signal Officer for 2-43 Air Defense Artillery Battalion (PATRIOT). She deployed to Saudi Arabia 1998-1999 in support of Operation Southern Watch and Operation Desert Fox. In 2000, CPT Alexander was assigned to Joint Task Force - Bravo at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, where she served as the J6 Operations Officer and later the J6 Deputy Director. In 2002, she attended the Signal Captains Career Course (SCCC) at Fort Gordon, GA. In September 2002, CPT Alexander came to Fort Hood, TX, where she was assigned to 3rd Signal Brigade. She served as an Operations Officer in III Corps G6. In January 2003, CPT Alexander deployed with 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade as the Brigade Signal Officer in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Upon her return to Fort Hood in July 2003, she worked as the G6 Operations Officer in the Joint Movement Operation Center. In January 2004, CPT Alexander deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2 with III Corps G6. After serving as the G6 Requirements Officer for Multi National Corps - Iraq, CPT Alexander took command of 313th Signal Company in Baghdad, Iraq, on August 31, 2004. Her military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Joint Commendation Medal (with 1 oak leaf cluster), the Army Commendation Medal (with 1 oak leaf cluster), the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon. CPT Alexander's military education includes SOBC, SCCC, Combined Arms Staff Service School (CAS3), Multi-TADIL Advanced Joint Interoperability Course, and Network Nodal Managers Course. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Florida International University, Miami, FL.



CPT Anthony Fields is from Montclair, Virginia. He received his commission as a signal officer from the United States Military Academy in May 1999 after graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science.

Upon completion of the Signal Officer Basic Course at Fort Gordon, GA, his first assignment was with 57TH Signal Battalion, 3D Signal Brigade at Fort Hood, TX. He served as Node Center 13 Platoon Leader and B Company Executive Officer from January 2000 to July 2001. After leaving 3D Signal Brigade, CPT Fields served as the Battalion S6 for 62D Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), 13th COSCOM at Fort Hood, TX from July 2001 to October 2002.

After graduating from the Signal Captain's Career Course in 2003, CPT Fields served as the Battalion S6 for 15T Battalion, 503D Infantry Regiment (Air Assault), 2ND Infantry Division at Camp Casey, Korea from July 2003 to July 2004. CPT Fields returned to 3D Signal Brigade from Korea in August 2004 and has served as an operations officer in the III Corps G6 office.

CPT Fields is a graduate of the Signal Officer Basic Course, Signal Captain's Career Course, Combined Arms Staff Service School, Signal Staff Officer's Course and Air Assault School. His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Korean Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and the Air Assault Badge.

The Ceremony

The Change of Command Ceremony is a traditional ceremony which represents the orderly transition of command and responsibility from one commander to the other. The guidon represents the soldiers and the rich history of the company. The First Sergeant, as the senior enlisted soldier and keeper of the guidon, initially passes the guidon to the outgoing commander. The outgoing commander, in turn, relinquishes command by passing the guidon to his senior commander, signifying that his mission is complete. The senior commander passes the guidon to the new commander who accepts responsibility for the command. The new commander then returns the guidon to the First Sergeant to symbolize his trust and confidence and that they together will continue the legacy and lead the soldiers to write their own chapter in the company's history.